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SUBJECT: CONFISCATION OF U.S. CURRENCY MIAMI POE, 1/25/76  
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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1. CUSTOMS SERVICE, WASHINGTON HAS CONFIRMED THAT DOLLARS 10,500 U.S. CARRIED BY HECTOR RODRIGUEZ WAS CONFISCATED BY CUSTOMS' AGENTS AT MAIMI. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT ABOUT 50 OF THE MIAMI STAFF IS SPANISH SPEAKING AND SEVERAL ARE ON DUTY EACH SHIFT AND MR. RODRIGUEZ WAS QUESTIONED AT SOME POINT IN SPANISH.

2. MR. RODRIGUEZ CAN RECOVER HIS FUNDS MINUS A PENALTY. ALTHOUGH AN EXACT PENALTY FIGURE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, IT SHOULD NOT BE GREAT, PERHAPS DOLLARS 200 - 400, SINCE CUSTOMS FEELS THERE WAS NO CRIMINAL INTENT. TO INITIATE RECOVERY HE SHOULD REPLY TO THE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING THE MONEY'S RETURN. CUSTOMS SUGGESTS IT MAY BE SIMPLER FOR MR. RODRIGUEZ TO WORK THROUGH THE MIAMI LAW FIRM HAVING HIS POA FOR THIS PURPOSE SINCE HE IS STILL LIABLE FOR THEIR FEE. ONLY MR. RODRIGUEZ CAN REVOKE THE POA. IN SIMILAR INSTANCES RECLAIMED FUNDS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED IN A MIAMI BANK FOR  
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TRANSFER TO THE INDICATED FOREIGN COUNTRY. OR PERHAPS

HE COULD RETURN TO MIAMI TO PERSONALLY RECOVER THE FUNDS.  
THIS IS HIS DECISION. KISSINGER

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